

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated February 23, 2006, is respectfully requested in view of this amendment. By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended, and new claims 13-15 have been inserted. Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

The amendment to claim 1 describes the plurality of work processes as including at least one printing process and one related process incorporating processing of data for transfer to media, with at least two of the work processes including distinct operations. The claim further defines one of the work processes includes a stencil making process of stencil making based on data received and a printing process of printing the data developed in the stencil making process. Support is found in the specification, including on page 5, lines 14-20. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

New claims 13-15 set forth the invention as presented in claims 1-12, in terms of a method. Support is found as in claims 1-12.

OBJECTIONS

Claim 1 was objected to as including awkward language. Accordingly, "control unit selects at least one work process is selected automatically" has been changed to "control unit selects at least one work process as an automatic default".

Rejections under 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Kubota, et al., US Patent Publication 2002/0029703 (*Kubota*). This rejection, as applied to the revised claim is respectfully traversed.

Response

For a reference to anticipate an invention, all of the elements of the claimed invention must be present in the reference. The test for anticipation under section 102 is whether each and every element as set forth in the claims is found, either expressly or inherently, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must also be arranged as required by the claim. *In re Bond*, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

Kubota is cited as disclosing a progress display device displaying a progress status of a plurality of work processes, wherein at least one work process is different from another work process. Specifically, the different work processes are based on the use of multiple different pages. Applicants' revised claims define:

"A process progress display device displaying progress status of a plurality of work processes including at least one printing process and one related process incorporating processing of data for transfer to media... [including distinct operations] ...a work process progress display unit configured to display a progress status of each work process ... a work process stop display unit corresponding to each work process ... [which] dynamically expresses the work processes under progress ... [a] control unit [that] selects at least one work process as an automatic default, wherein one of said two of the work processes includes a stencil making process of stencil making based on data received and a printing process of printing the data developed in the stencil making process." (Claim 1; claim 13 similar.)

Kubota fails to show each of the claimed features because it fails to show the use of a printing process and a related process simultaneously displayed. *Kubota* further fails to show or

suggest display of a progress status of each work process (since there is no occurrence of each work process in *Kubota*). *Kubota* further fails to show or suggest the related features applied to a dual process machine, including a work process stop display unit dynamically expressing the work processes under progress and selecting one work process as an automatic default, wherein one of the multiple work processes includes a stencil making process of stencil making based on data received and a printing process of printing the data developed in the stencil making process.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that *Kubota* fails to teach each and every feature of the independent claims, and thus does not anticipate the claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 3, 9, 10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over *Kubota* taken further in view of *Sato*, US Patent 6,401,606. This rejection, as applied to the amended claims, is respectfully traversed.

Response

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Sato* fails to cure the deficiencies of *Kubota*. The *Sato* reference is directed to the showing of a blinking light to indicate an operator choice. There remains no showing in *Sato* of the use of a display as currently claimed because both *Kubota* and *Sato* fail to show the use of a printing process and a related process simultaneously displayed. The combination further fails to show or suggest display of a progress status of each of a plurality of different work process. Accordingly the claims as presently amended clearly define the invention over the prior art of record, as the combination of references fails to teach each of the features of the claimed invention, and thus the Examiner has failed to prove a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is respectfully requested.

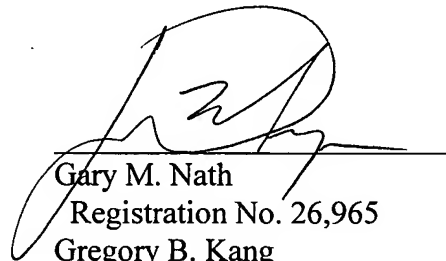
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned.

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